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SAFETY RATINGS and your New Car

by Dawn Husmoe

AFTER MONTHS OF RESEARCH, test-driving and shopping around for the best deal, I am excited to announce that I finally pulled the trigger and bought a new car! One of the most important factors I looked at when shopping for my new vehicle was the safety rating it was issued by the **NHTSA** (National Highway Transportation Safety Administration).

Why are safety ratings important you ask? Well, for starters, if the car doesn't have a 5-star safety rating, this mamma isn't interested!

Safety ratings on vehicles are issued on a scale of 1-5 stars (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest). While doing my research, I discovered there are **3 main categories** that are tested and scored for safety; **Frontal Crash Test, Side Impact Crash Test** and **Rollover Test**.

Each of these categories are given a score based on the crash safety test. Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a car that has a "4-star safety rating" vs. a "5-star safety rating?"

Here are some numbers you may find interesting:

FRONTAL CRASH TEST: (% is chance of serious injury)

- 5 Stars** - 10% or less
- 4 Stars** - 11-20%
- 3 Stars** - 21-35%
- 2 Stars** - 36-45%
- 1 Star** - 46% or greater

SIDE IMPACT CRASH TEST: (% is chance of serious injury)

- 5 Stars** - 5% or less
- 4 Stars** - 6-10%
- 3 Stars** - 11-20%
- 2 Stars** - 21-25%
- 1 Star** - 26% or greater

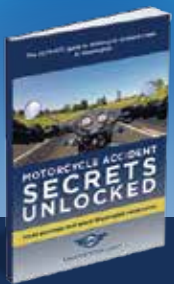


ROLLOVER TEST: (% is risk of rolling over)

- 5 Stars** - 10% or less
- 4 Stars** - 10-20%
- 3 Stars** - 20-30%
- 2 Stars** - 30-40%
- 1 Star** - 40%

If you are looking to buy a new car, I highly recommend checking out the vehicle's safety ratings beforehand. If you would like more information on this topic, please check out www.nhtsa.gov/ratings.

Also, make sure you have the proper insurance for your new vehicle. If you want more information about buying the proper insurance for your new car, request your free copy of Max Meyer's **Car Insurance Buying Secrets Unlocked** book at www.maxmeyerslaw.com/reports/buying-car-insurance-book.cfm.



FREE INSTANT DOWNLOAD

Discover the secrets insurance companies don't want you to know.

Get Max's book **The Ultimate Guide to Motorcycle Accident Cases in Washington: Motorcycle Accident Secrets Unlocked**.

Go to our website www.WashingtonMotorcycle-Book.com to get your free download now or call **425.276.7804** to have a copy mailed to you.



Come see the Max Meyers Law team at the **Annual Oyster Run** on September 24th!

The Oyster Run is the 2nd largest motorcycle rally in the country and takes place in Downtown Anacortes. This event draws thousands of motorcycles of all makes and models. Commercial vendors, food vendors and more!

Swing by our booth for a visit and enter our event contest! Past prizes have included **Go Pro camera** and **Harley Davidson gift cards**. We look forward to seeing you there.



BIKERS AT THE BEACH RALLY!

WOW, what a weekend! We couldn't have asked for nicer weather for the Bikers at the Beach rally. There were so many cool bikes and vendors to check out, and of course.... an awesome bunch of people to hang with. We were honored to be a first-time sponsor for this huge bike rally in Ocean Shores.

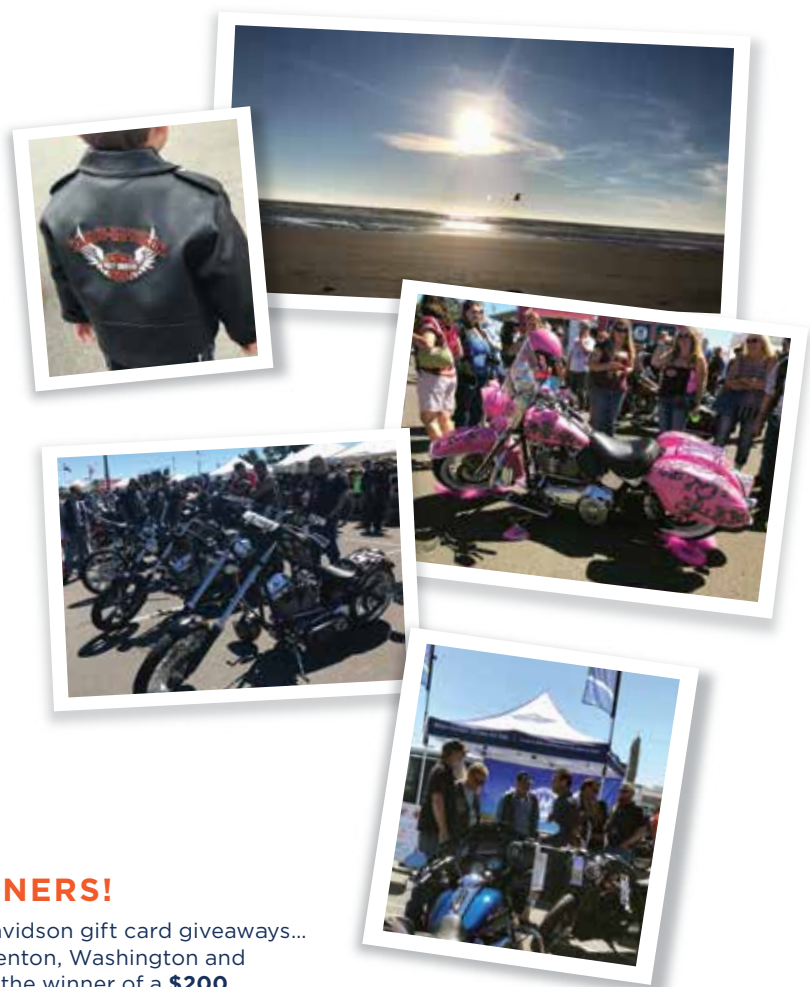
Some of the highlights of the weekend included live music, a hypnotist, and stunt teams like the **One Wheel Revolution** (an all Harley stunt team) and the **Tenino Motorcycle Drill Team**. There were several parades and runs throughout the day on Saturday and a huge turnout for the bike show! Other activities included a tattoo and beard/goatee contest, pole vixens and Jell-O wrestling.

A bikini bike wash was held as a charity fund raiser for **Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.)**. The **Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)** and **Communities in Schools (CIS)** were also charities supported by Bikers at the Beach. For more information on these charities, please check out their websites:

Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.): <http://bacaworld.org>

Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA): www.cmausa.org

Communities in Schools (CIS): www.communitiesinschools.org



OUR LATEST CONTEST WINNERS!

A big shout-out to the winners of our Harley Davidson gift card giveaways...

CONGRATULATIONS to Aaron Hansen from Renton, Washington and

Angie Ives of Tacoma, Washington! Aaron was the winner of a **\$200**

Harley Davidson gift card and Angie was the winner of a **\$100 Harley Davidson gift card**.

Enjoy and safe riding!!!

Motorcycle CRASH SCENE Safety Course

hosted by Rick Wallace



Sat, October 7th 9:30am – 12:30pm

Renton Technical College - Renton, Washington.

Over the years, I have helped many injured motorcyclists who have been in accidents that have terribly changed their lives. I have heard story after story about friends not knowing exactly what to do to help a crashed rider who has serious injuries. We at Max Meyers Law want to do something to help the rider community and address this problem. **We are putting on a Crash Scene Safety seminar lead by safety expert Rick Wallace.**

At a crash scene there is a need for clear, quick, decisive, rescuer safe actions. These actions need to be learned, practiced, and mastered just like our riding skills. **These actions can save lives, decrease pain and suffering, and help speed an injured rider's recovery.**

WHAT DOES THE COURSE COVER?

- Scene Safety
- Trauma Care
- Preparing to Resume your Ride
- Scenario Drills

To reserve your spot email **Dawn** at dawn@maxmeyerslaw.com. Space is limited and will fill up fast! This is a participatory event, to get the most out of it bring your riding gear and first aid kit. We look forward to seeing you there!

Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

This cookie recipe was shared by one of our avid newsletter readers... simple tasting and easy to make!



GERMAN DROP COOKIES

Ingredients

- 1 ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine first five ingredients with a spoon. Shape into 1 inch balls and place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake 20 minutes. Combine powdered sugar and cinnamon. Sift powdered sugar mixture over warm cookies or roll cookies in sugar mixture. Makes five dozen.

How Motorcycle Helmet Use AFFECTS YOUR ACCIDENT CLAIM

While everyone should wear a helmet each time they get on a motorcycle, not everyone does. But will your motorcycle helmet use affect your accident claim, if you need to file one?

Yes. Washington law requires everyone riding a motorcycle to wear an approved motorcycle helmet including passengers. Because not wearing a helmet is proof of negligence, if you were injured in a motorcycle accident while not wearing a helmet, it can affect the amount of your claim.

It is important to note, however, that your helmet use will only be valid if your failure to wear a helmet contributed to your injuries. If your failure to wear a helmet did not contribute to your injuries, it will not reduce the amount of compensation you receive.

HOW DOES MY OWN NEGLIGENCE AFFECT MY MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT CLAIM?

Washington is a pure comparative negligence state. This means that you can recover compensation for your injuries, as long as you were not 100% at fault for the accident. However, the percentage of your contribution to the accident or your injuries will reduce the amount of compensation you will receive.

For example, Ron was speeding while riding his motorcycle. Bill, who ran a red light, struck Ron with his car. An investigation found Ron to be 10 percent at fault and Bill to be 90 percent at fault. Ron's damages were \$100,000. The amount of compensation he can recover from Bill will be \$90,000. This is because his negligence reduced his compensation by 10 percent, or \$10,000.

WHAT IF I DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACCIDENT? WILL I STILL RECEIVE LESS?

Yes. Even if you were totally innocent in the accident, you can receive less if your injuries resulted from your lack of a helmet. Remember that injuries unaffected by helmet use do not apply.

For example, Sophie was riding her motorcycle when she was struck by a drunk driver, Todd. The accident investigation found Todd was 100% at fault in causing the accident. Sophie was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident; however, she suffered leg, not head injuries. Her leg was mangled and had to be amputated. Sophie will receive 100% of her damages from Todd, because her failure to wear a helmet did not cause or worsen her accident injuries, which were leg injuries.

Let us change the story a bit: Todd, the drunk driver, hits Sophie who is not wearing a helmet. The force of the impact threw Sophie off her bike and onto the pavement where she hit her head. She sustained a moderate traumatic brain injury and also sustained the same leg injury.

Todd's expert was able to prove that wearing a motorcycle helmet would have lessened or prevented Sophie's head injury. The jury determined that Sophie's failure to wear a helmet made her 25% responsible for her head injury. Sophie's failure to wear a helmet will decrease the damages for her head injury by 25%. She will receive full compensation for her leg as her failure to wear a helmet did not cause or worsen those injuries.

GET HELP FROM AN EXPERIENCED MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT ATTORNEY TODAY.

Evaluating motorcycle accident claims is complicated when the motorcycle rider was not wearing a helmet. First, investigators must determine the amount of each person's fault in the causation of the accident. For most accident claims, this is where the comparative negligence issue ends. When an injured motorcycle rider was not wearing a helmet, however, you then have to analyze whether the failure to wear a helmet caused or contributed to any of these accidents.

While we advise everyone to wear a helmet every time they swing a leg over a motorcycle, we know there are times not everyone does. If you or a loved one was injured in a motorcycle accident caused by another negligent party, contact **Max Meyers Law**. We know how difficult these cases are, especially when an insurer is trying to pin the blame on you. We will build your case and defend you against any accusations of fault or negligence.

Call **425-276-7804** today to set up your **free, no-obligation consultation**.



September

EVENTS CALENDAR

DOGS WALK & WINE TASTING SEPT 9

Happy Tails Wine Walk is a casual walk to 15 wineries plus a dog zone with games and 18 vendors in Woodinville. Bring age 21 ID; a dog is optional.

Visit the www.homewardpet.org/events/winewalk for more details.

LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL SEPT 8 - 10

Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival (MukFest) has art, bands, beer, salmon, a parade, and fireworks. Free.

Visit <https://mukfest.com> for more details.

BIRD FESTIVAL SEPT 15 - 17

Puget Sound Bird Fest includes guided birding walks, speakers, and exhibits at 700 Main St. in Edmonds.

Visit www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org for details.

RIDE FOR KIDS SEPT 17

Join the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation with any make or model of street legal motorcycle for a fun ride, food and entertainment.

For details and information visit rideforkids.org.

MUDDY OBSTACLE COURSE SEPT 16 - 17

You've got to be one Tough Mudder to run this five mile muddy obstacle course in Black Diamond, or buy a spectator ticket online to attend the after-party.

Visit <https://toughmudder.com/events/2017-seattle-half> for details.

FISHERMEN'S FESTIVAL SEPT 23

Fishermen's Fall Festival offers seafood, live music, a beer garden, canal tours, contests, and kids' activities at Fishermen's Terminal in Ballard. Free.

Details can be found at www.fishermensfallfestival.org.

SEAHAWKS CAR SHOW SEPT 23

Visit Hawktoberfest to cheer on our favorite Seattle football team with a vibrant display of team-themed vehicles in downtown Kent. Free to view.

Visit www.downtownkentwa.com/event/hawktoberfest-2016 for more details.

ANNUAL OYSTER RUN SEPT 24

The Oyster Run is a motorcycle rally in Downtown Anacortes. This event draws thousands of cycles of all makes and models. Commercial vendor, food and more!

Visit <http://oysterruninc.org> for details.

FREE NATIONAL PARKS SEPT 30

Entry is free at Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks on Free Entrance Days in the National Parks. Go early to avoid lines and find parking.

Visit: www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm.



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Where Accident Victims Get Help



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PEOPLE ARE RAVING...

about the new Max Meyers Law VIP program!



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Become a VIP member by visiting www.MaxMeyersLawVIP.com or by emailing Dawn at dawn@maxmeyerslaw.com.

As a VIP member, you will enjoy the following benefits:

- **FREE** VIP Member Card
- **FREE** Consumer Contract Review
- **FREE** Notary Service
- **FREE** Insurance Policy Review
- **FREE** 15-minute Attorney Consult on ANY legal issues
- **FREE** Entry into Max Meyers Law giveaways and contests

Our goal is to make sure you have access to the necessary tools in order to make informed decisions about your legal situations.

Join the Max Meyers Law VIP Program today!

Thank you!

for your REFERRALS

We thank you for trusting us with your closest friends and loved ones.

We'd like to recognize the following friends for their referrals:

- Julia Youngs
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- Karl Hackett

If you know anyone involved in a car, motorcycle, pedestrian or any other vehicle related accident caused by someone else's fault, please pass our name and phone number along. We welcome all referrals from readers of Max Meyers Law Spoke & Wheel.



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